

November 12, 2003

Mr. Steve Starcher
Fresno-Central Watershed Education Program
Central Unified School District
Fresno, California
PIN #269

Dear Mr. Starcher:

I am writing regarding the Fresno-Central Watershed Education Program, project PIN #269, Calfed proposal recently submitted to the State Water Resource Control Board by the Central Unified School District.

The San Joaquin River Management Program, established by State Legislation AB 3603 in September 1990, provides a public forum to identify problems and solutions for wildlife, flood protection, water quality, water supply, fisheries, and recreation issues. In February 1995, SJRMP submitted to the legislature a river management plan that recommended or supported various projects or programs to address these issues.

The SJRMP Advisory Council was presented with CUSD's written proposal and posted via the SJRMP website. Council members have had an opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. It is our understanding that the project is proposing to implement water quality monitoring in the CUSD classroom curriculum, have CUSD students and teachers participate in restoration projects, and increase the education and outreach of teachers and students. These activities are similar to projects or programs recommended in the 1995 plan and can advance water quality, wildlife, fisheries, and education on the San Joaquin River.

Based on the proposal, SJRMP has agreed that the project is consistent with SJRMP's goals and adheres to the SJRMP principle that impacts resulting from these actions are acceptable to other interests.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula J. Landis at (559) 230-3310.

Sincerely,

Timothy Ramirez, Chair
San Joaquin River
Management Program
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